ted to oppose the passage of the bill, and that a committee, consisting of His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Egan and Christie, chairman of the board of works, be appointed to take any action necessary. Carried.

On a division, the clause was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. Rapley, the report was ad pted as amended.

Ald. McBride submitted the following report of the fire, water and gas committee:

Your committee respectfully submit the accompanying bill, now before the legislature, for the construction of waterworks in this city, and recommend that the bill be approved as it now reads, with the optional clauses. And should the House not pass the bill, as it now reads, that we forego, first, the construction by commissioners, and secondly, the advance to private company, retaining to this council the power to construct the said water-works for the city; and that the blank for number of commissioners be filled with three, and where the number to be elected be two, and that the amount be filled with the sum of $400,000

Respectfully submitted.

Ald. Egan moved, seconded by Ald. Rapley, that the council go into committee of the whole on the bill. Carried.

Ald. Smyth was called to the chair.

Ald. McBride moved the adoption of the bill.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Cousins, that the sum of $300,000 be substituted instead of $400,000. Lost.

The committee arose, and council resumed. The chairman reported the report as passed.

Ald. McBride moved, seconded by Ald. Smyth, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Yeas—McDonald, Moffat, Smyth, McBride, Starr, Leonard, Murray, Brown, Rapley, Graydon, Williams, Egan, Shaw, Nays—McPhail, Cousins, Christie, Partridge, sen.

Ald. Graydon submitted the following report of the railway committee:

"That the amended bill of the London Huron and Bruce Railroad, now before the legislature of Ontario, was considered by your committee, and having heard full explanations from the directors of said railroad, consider the amendments thereto unobjectionable, except the eighth clause, and which the directors consented to amend by substituting the word 'five' in place of 'seven,' as to the term for completing the said road."

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Graydon submitted the following report on the bill before the House in reference to the London Street Railway:

"That the bill of the London Street Railway company, now before the legislature of Ontario, came before your committee this afternoon; and having read over the said bill (or act) your committee would recommend to this council to telegraph to W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., who introduced the bill in the legislature, and request him to postpone the consideration of said bill or act, in the private committee of the legislature, until this committee have time more fully to consider how far its enactments may be advantageous or otherwise, to the corporation of the city of London. All of which is most respectfully submitted."

On motion, the rule of order, requiring the council to adjourn at eleven o'clock, was extended for fifteen minutes.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The by-law appointing chimney sweeps was read.

On motion of Ald. Smyth, seconded by Ald. Christie, the by-law was referred back to the committee for reconsideration.

Ald. Egan moved, seconded by Ald. Moffat, that the names of Ald. Cronyn, Graydon and McBride be added to the committee already appointed to take action on these bills. Carried.

Ald. Williams asked that the sum of $200 be placed to the credit of the relief committee. Granted.

Ald Cousins moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the fire, water and gas committee be requested to inspect the refineries, and report on the matter of nuisances complained of by the inspector of fisheries. Carried.

Ald. Cousins moved, seconded by Ald. McBride, that the petition of Mr. A. M. Ross, that the council pay the amount of taxes due on the farm purchased from him this year, $32 44, be referred to the fire, water and gas committee to report. Carried.

On motion the council adjourned for two weeks.

Special Meeting of the City Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, '73.

(Herald Print.)

Present,—His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Ald. Cousins, Moffat, McDonald, McBride, Smyth, Starr, McPhail, Brown, Shaw, Rapley, Christie, Cronyn, Williams, Partridge, jr., and Partridge, sr.

His Worship informed the council that the meeting was convened for the purpose of hearing a report of the deputation to the government, relative to the city indebtedness, an account of the municipal loan fund, and relative to the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Ald. Cronyn verbally reported the progress of the deputation, and stated that they had reason to believe that the amount which appears to be determined as due by this city, may be further reduced.

Ald. Rapley moved, seconded by Ald. Cronyn, that the whole matter be left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor, with power to invite the co-operation of other influential citizens, if deemed necessary.

Ald. Egan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Christie, that the question be submitted to a public meeting, to consider and discuss the settlement of our municipal indebtedness, and give such assistance to the city council as may be decided upon. Lost.

Motion carried.

Ald. Cronyn verbally reported that it would be necessary that this council should pass a resolution, which would be submitted, to enable this corporation to obtain their portion of the proceeds of sale of stock, &c., by the London & Port Stanley Railway Co. to the Great Western Railway Co.

Ald. Christie moved, seconded by Ald. Williams — Whereas, by an indenture, bearing date the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, made between the London & Port Stanley Railway Company and Great Western Railway Company, it was agreed that the former company should sell to the latter the engines, rolling stock and appurtenances, plant and surplus stores of the former company, at a valuation; and, whereas, the said goods and chattels have been valued at forty-six thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars and sixty-four cents, whereof, two thousand three hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents have already been paid; and whereas, the London and Port Stanley Railway Company have consented to the payment of the remainder of the said sum to the corporation of the city of London and the corporation of the town of St. Thomas, in the following proportions, that is to say, $39,473 (thirty nine thousand four hundred and seventy three dollars) to London, and $4,533.14 (four thousand five hundred and thirty-three dollars and fourteen cents) to St. Thomas.

Be it therefore resolved, that in consideration of such payment to be made, the corporation of the city of London do hereby agree to accept the said sum, to be paid to them in full satisfaction of all and every claim they have to, or against the said engines, railway stock and appurtenances, plant and surplus stores included in said valuation, and said partial payment having been made, and will apply the same on the indebtedness of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company to them, and do waive and abandon all claims to and charges against the said goods and chattels under and by virtue of all and every execution or executions whatever.

Ald. Moffat moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. McPhail, that the question be deferred until next Tuesday evening. Lost.

Motion carried.

On motion the council adjourned.